

I call on you to hold an official public hearing in my state.

Before the disastrous 2003 decision to weaken media ownership rules (which a federal court has now overturned), you held only one official public hearing. Further, FCC officials met behind closed doors 71 times with major broadcasters – but only five times with public interest groups. And to justify your actions, you used deceptive, industry-sponsored research data.

The will of Big Media had been heeded at the expense of American citizens and democracy itself. This has to end. Before you rewrite the ownership rules, I demand an official public FCC hearing in my state, impartial and verifiable research, and transparent debates.

It is time to put the needs of democracy – a diverse, skeptical, independent and competitive media system – ahead of profit-hungry media giants.

What are you people simpletons or what? Last time you tried to allow greater consolidation of the broadcast media (which by the way operates on publicly owned frequencies) the public outcry against it was deafening. Now here we go again! Can't you see that the public is against this? I'm going to write my rep's and recommend that any member of the FCC who supports it this time be fired for their refusal to look out for the public's interest.